

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-24, 26, 27, 30 and 31 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 2 and 12 are amended and Claims 3 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice, leaving Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-24, 26, 27, 30 and 31 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment and following remarks.

Support for the amendments are at least found in the specification, the figures, and the claims as originally filed.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23, 24, 26, 27 30 and 31 are allowed.

Claims 3, 7, 8, 14, 18 and 19 are indicated as including allowable subject matter. As a statement of reasons for indicating the allowable subject matter, the Examiner states that none of the prior arts, either alone or in combination fairly teach or suggest a substrate for display device comprising a *plurality of groups of connecting lines for transferring scan signals to the scan lines, such that a first group having a plurality of first connecting lines partly overlaps with a second group having a plurality of second connecting lines.*

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 12 to include the limitations: wherein the first connecting part includes a first group having a plurality of first connecting lines and a second group having a plurality of second connecting lines and wherein each of the first connecting lines partly overlaps with at least one of the second connecting lines of Claims 3 and 14 which are accordingly cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that

Claims 1 and 12 are allowable as including the allowable subject matter of Claims 3 and 14. Claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 variously depend from Claims 1 and 12 are correspondingly allowable. Therefore, Applicants have not rewritten Claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 in independent form at this time. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 7, 8, 12, 18 and 19 are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2003-0063080 (hereinafter "Takahashi") in view of Asai, JP 5-150263 (hereinafter "Asai").

Claims 11 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. and Asai in view of Tsuyuki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,853,361). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

As discussed above, Claims 1 and 12 are allowable as amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-13, 15-17 and 20-22 variously depend from Claims 1 and 12 and are correspondingly allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-13, 15-17 and 20-22 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed phone number regarding this response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

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If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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